



Joan Kirby Appointed Headmistress

It's been a summer filled with exciting news and achievements both on and off the sporting fields. Ranging from former St. Andrew's Pupils heading off to the Olympics to current students competing on the international stage in cricket, hockey, chess and many more activities. Before we get into that, the first thing we must do is say a massive congratulations to Joan Kirby who was officially appointed as Headmistress of St. Andrew's College in June. Well done Joan and we wish you the very best of luck and offer the full support of the Alumni!



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Welcome Class of 2016

We would also like to say a big welcome to the Class of 2016 who have now officially joined SACA. We hope you got the results you wanted in the Leaving Certificate and we look forward to seeing you all at future SACA events.

The Class of 2016 had their Valedictory Evening at the end of the school year and it was the first year that the Alumni Cups were presented by SACA to the boy and girl who were considered to have contributed the most to student life during their time at St Andrew's. They were presented by SACA president, Moayyad Kamali to Richard Neville and Sally Barnicle who got involved in absolutely everything from musicals, sport, MUN to Linguistic Olympiads and everything in between. The presentation of the cups was top of the bill just before past pupil, and Sixth Year Head, David Feery wrapped up official proceedings for the Class of 2016.



SACA at the Dublin Pride Festival

Dublin hosted our Annual Pride festival this summer with St. Andrew's former pupil and Equality activist Senator David Norris campaigning as usual and another former pupil Max Krzyzanowski was the Grand Master of the parade.

SACA at the Rio Olympics 2016

This Summer we had four St. Andrew's Alumni go to the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. The games are over now and our olympians have returned home but read below to see how they all got on. Well done Chris Juul-Jensen (Denmark - road race and time trials), David Fitzgerald and Alan Sothern (Ireland hockey) and Mark Kyle (Ireland - equestrian).

Men's Hockey

Alan Sothern and David Fitzgerald represented Ireland in the Mens Hockey tournament. After tough opening losses to India, Netherlands and defending champions Germany, Ireland needed nothing less than a win against Canada to keep their hopes of a QF place alive. Ireland duly obliged by beating their Canadian opponents 4 - 2 to set up a vital clash against Argentina. If Ireland could win they would progress to the Quarter Finals. Unfortunately, Ireland narrowly missed out and ended their tournament with a 3 - 2 loss to eventual gold medal winners Argentina.



Men's Cycling

Chris Juul-Jensen represented Denmark in both the road race and time trials after recently completing the Tour de France. Chris placed 19th in the time trials and the Denmark team took home the silver medal in the team pursuit.



Men's Equestrian

Mark Kyle represented Ireland for his third Olympic Games in a row in the equestrian event. After an excellent run in the cross country event, Mark pushed Ireland into the medal positions. Unfortunately, after all the events Ireland missed out on the medals, finishing in 8th place.



SACA Donation to Olympic Hockey Fund

In preparation for their Rio 2016 Olympics SAC Alumni Association presented a cheque for €1,000 to the SEVEN Ireland squad members who are SAC Alumni in support of their Road to Rio fundraising campaign. Here they are accepting the cheque from SAC Alumni Secretary Dara McClatchie in Rathdown on Sunday.

LtoR: Stuart Loughrey, Jamie Carr, Lee Cole, Alan Sothern, Stephen Cole, SACA Secretary Dara McClatchie, Gareth Watkins, David Fitzgerald

SACA Sports News

Welcome to the new school sports coaches

Kieran Hurrell has been appointed the new JCT Coach for the upcoming season. He is currently working as a Club Community Rugby Officer with Leinster Rugby and as a coach on their School of Excellence program. Kieran is also the player/coach of Wicklow RFC who recently won the prestigious Leinster Towns Cup last season. As a player he has had a very successful club career winning Division 1B & 1A of the Ulster Bank Leagues in 2010 and 2011 respectively, as well as the Leinster Senior Cup in 2012. Furthermore he won Ulster Bank League division 2A with Old Wesley in 2015. Hailing from the Waikato province of New Zealand Kieran has previously coached St.Columba's SCT for the past three seasons.



We would also like to welcome Billy Ngawini onto our Rugby coaching staff in St.Andrew's College. Hailing from Auckland, New Zealand, Billy is currently the Player/Head Coach with Blackrock RFC 1st team and also coaches the Irish U18 Touch Rugby team. Furthermore he has over a decade of professional playing experience, starting with the Waikato Chiefs in New Zealand, the NRL in Australia, Italian Super 10 and Amlin Cup. He has coached in the Leinster School of Excellence and also represented Leinster in 2009. He had played internationally in Sevens, Touch Rugby and Rugby League.

We are pleased to welcome Lisa Jacob to the St Andrew's hockey coaching staff. Lisa hails from Co Wexford and developed her love for hockey while at Kilkenny College. She got her first call up for the Irish squad while studying Psychology in UCD. Ten years and 139 caps later Lisa stepped away from hockey for a while and took a contract with the Irish rugby 7's team for a year. Lisa has now returned to use her vast experience as a coach she is going to coach girls hockey in the school and give support to the development program.



Schools Cricket

Before the season was over we had another year of great achievements on the cricket field. The Senior Boys completed a hat trick of titles by winning the Leinster Senior Cup again. That was their sixth final in a row and they beat a tough opponent in CUS. They were matched in this feat by the Girls' team who have now won their fourth Leinster Senior Cup title in a row. Congratulations to all involved and in particular David Feery who heads up the Cricket programme.



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Hockey

Congrats to the UCD Men's Hockey Team who were promoted to the EY Premier League for the FIRST time in the club's existence. 6 former St. Andrew's students were on the team with David Nolan scoring one of the goals.

Congrats to Gavin Browne, Andrew Fogarty, Jazze Henry, Andrew Meates, David Nolan & Ian Styles!



The Ireland Under 18 Hockey squad including St. Andrew's lads Ben Bradley, Guy Sarratt and Ben Walker travelled to Cork to take part in the Under 18 European Championships. Ireland retained their status in the Championships beating the Czech Republic and drawing with Italy.



The Ireland U16 Hockey Team which included current students Matteo Romoli and Nick Judge (goalkeeper) from St Andrew's, travelled to the Osaka 6 Nations Hockey Tournament in Antwerp in July. A tough tournament for the team but a great experience.



Huge congratulations to former St. Andrew's student Chloe Watkins on achieving her 150th cap for Ireland. A massive achievement and she is still only 24.



Not content with just being appointed a hockey coach at Andrew's, former Irish Hockey International Lisa Jacob and her partner, pilot and triathlete Nikki Dorey were the first all-female duo to cycle the punishing ultra-distance 2,150km non-stop 'Race Around Ireland' - and they are doing it all for the charity Suicide or Survive. Best of luck Lisa!

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Rugby

The Ireland U 20s Rugby team including former St. Andrew's students Greg Jones and Andrew Porter travelled to Manchester to take part in the Under 20 Rugby World Championship. They both played a huge part in what was a massively successful tournament for the team. They defeated the world champions (New Zealand) and the 6 nations champions (Wales) in the group stages to pave their way to the Semi Finals where they put in another fantastic performance to beat Argentina. Unfortunately they lost out in the final to a formidable England side.

What a fantastic few months it has been for Andrew Porter. Andrew was named UCD rugby player of the year at the AGM and Prize Giving over the summer, only the second time ever that a prop has won the award. He also received his Ad Astra Elite Scholarship. He also took part in a hugely successful Ireland U-20s World Championships and to top it all off he got awarded a full Leinster Academy Contract with Leinster Rugby, and played in last week's PRO12 match against Treviso (Leinster 20 - 8 Treviso)



Congratulations to Peter Sullivan (pictured left) who was selected for Leinster Under 19's for their games against Worcester and Gloucester. Leinster beat Worcester and lost narrowly to Gloucester with Peter getting a try on the wing.

Danny Joyce (pictured right) from the 2014 SCT was named and played in the Senior Canada A rugby squad's tour of the U.K. and Ireland.



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Rugby

Congrats to former pupil, Irish international and Munster star Felix Jones who was brought into new Director Of Rugby Rassie Erasmus's coaching team at Munster. We wish him all the very best of luck!

<http://www.independent.ie/sport/rugby/munster-rugby/exireland-international-jones-to-be-included-in-munsters-newlook-coaching-team-34703958.html>



Great feature on former Andrew's student Peter "scrum doctor" Bracken in the 42.ie. Peter won a European cup with Wasps, played for Connacht, Bristol, the Dragons as well as winning representative honours with Ireland.

<http://www.the42.ie/peter-bracken-scrum-doctor-connacht-wasps-2768069-May2016/>



Cricket

Congrats to Josh Little (5th year) who has been named in a Senior Ireland squad for the first time as the selectors look to inject some new blood into the ranks for our two T20 internationals this month.

"We wanted to bring some freshness to the squad," said Chair of Selectors and former SAC pupil Alan Lewis. "In particular we are delighted to see the youth of Josh Little and Lorcan Tucker added to the squad. Left-arm quicks have been hugely successful in T20 and Josh's introduction will drive his career forward we hope. He bowls with pace and is an excellent athlete". Josh is pictured here receiving his U-19 Ireland shirt from former Andrew's lad & cricket World Cup star, Andy Balbirnie. Well done Josh and good luck!

Huge congratulations to the Irish Senior women's cricket team who beat the mighty South Africa in August. Ireland featured 3 Andrew's girls Gaby Lewis, Shauna Kavanagh and Lucy O'Reilly. All three, as well as Robyn Lewis, have been named in Ireland Women's T20 and ODI Squads to face Bangladesh in September.



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Wakeboarding

Congratulations to David O'Caoimh who won his eighth Irish Wakeboarding Championships and defended his European crown at the European Wakeboarding Championships which were held in Ireland.



Tour de France

Congratulations to Chris Juul-Jensen who completed one of the toughest challenges in world sport, the Tour de France. Chris's Orica-Bike-exchange had a good tour winning the White jersey!



Chess

Basketball

Congratulations to former pupil Conor Grace on his appointment as skipper of the Irish basketball team. Conor has played pro basketball in Italy, France, Finland, Sweden, Greece, the Netherlands, Malaysia and played college ball with none other than Steph Curry!



Congrats to Tom O'Gorman, Ross Beatty and Alice O'Gorman who were selected to represent Ireland in the Glorney-Gilbert International chess cups played in England against teams from France, England, Scotland and Wales. Andrew's was the best represented of the Irish schools in a prestige event.

We should also add that Alice O'Gorman has been selected for the full Irish Women's Team at the 2016 Chess Olympiad in Baku, Azerbaijan in September!



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Summer Dinner of the Associations of Schools' Union

The annual Summer Dinner of the Association of Schools' Unions took place this summer in the National Yacht Club in Dun Laoghaire. Our own Sally Walker is President of the Association this year and is pictured with members of the SACA Committee.



Cycle Against Suicide

A group of teachers, staff and pupils from each of the years in the school took part in Cycle Against Suicide to raise awareness that 'it's ok not to feel ok'. A great cause and a great day with the school cycling the equivalent of the distance from Mizen to Malin and back.....twice!



Moocall - Alumni Business

John Larkin from the class of 96 is sweeping up innovation awards with what Michael Smurfit has described as the best business he has seen in 25 years! Read all about it in the Irish Times!



Ballet - Ciara Blake

Congratulations to Second Year Student Ciara Blake who danced in The Irish National Youth Ballet's summer performance, A Midsummer Night's Dream where she danced the lead role in Danse Macabre at the Samuel Beckett Theatre in Trinity College and the Civic Theatre in Tallaght. Ciara is a talented ballerina and is pictured here on stage at the event.



Historic Medieval Discovery

The remarkable story of the discovery of a 13th Century burial ground in the medieval city of Kilkenny was featured across the national media including the Times, the Indo, RTE and the UTV TV News. What you may not know is that one of the archaeologists who discovered these skeletons was St. Andrew's student. Padraic Crawford, who is in 5th year, is seen here in the blue helmet uncovering the skeleton of a 16 year old Anglo-Norman girl.



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Cinematography - Robbie Ryan

Congratulations to cinematographer Robbie Ryan (Class of 1989) who nabbed two top awards at the 2016 Cannes Film Festival for his work on Ken Loach's "I, Daniel Blake" which won the festival's overall award, the Palme d'Or, and "American Honey" which picked up the competition's Jury Prize. Robbie is the only director of photography ever to have shot the winners of both the Palme d'Or and the Jury Prize in the same year. In his career Robbie, a highly regarded film-maker, has worked on a variety of well-known films including "Philomena", "Wuthering Heights" and "Jimmy's Hall".

Ruth Gilligan launches new book

Ruth Gilligan's (Class of 2006) latest novel 'Nine Folds Make A Paper Swan' was launched at Dubray Bookshop in Blackrock in August. This is Ruth's fourth book. Read The Guardian's review [here](#) for a taste of what it's about:



Paranoid Visions tours North America

Iconic punk band Paranoid Visions, including Peter Jones (Class of 84) AKA PA System, have been playing to thousands on their North American Tour, including a sold out Amnesia Rockfest, which is an annual outdoor rock, punk, metal, alternative, ska and hardcore music festival in Canada.



Great to see our alumni sticking together and continuing a long tradition of thinking differently with their new business featured in the Irish Times. Serene Cards has produced a neat package of tips, prompts and exercises to encourage the user to see life in a more positive light.

The company is backed by Connacht rugby player Ben Marshall and run by Scott Ingram and Keith Kenning who come from backgrounds in IT, marketing and health management.

Their brainchild is a deck of 51 cards filled with mindfulness and mental fitness challenges for every day. Priced at €19 per pack, the cards are available from www.serenecards.com

Serene Cards - Alumni Business



Our TY Trip to Uganda by Greg Bateson

The first stop in Uganda was in the capital city Kampala, where we stayed in a Fields of Life facility. On the first full day we went to the markets, it was the most hectic experience of my life; we walked on a half a metre path with stalls on either side, it felt like walking through a maze. Everybody stared at us and shouted Muzungu which means “White Person” in the native language Luganda. The people that were right beside us often grabbed our arms, I personally couldn’t focus on looking for something I wanted to buy because of the large holes in the small path and also not wanting to get lost in the market.

For lunch we had some traditional Ugandan food. I was skeptical about trying it because of all the stories I had heard about previous Andrew’s students getting sick. However, I tried it anyway and not only because I didn’t like the prospect of eating nutri-grain bars for the next 2 weeks. They had Ugali, Chapatis, Matoke, A Goat Stew, Beans and Peas.

Ugali is a very bland tasting food made out of maize flour, matoke is a savory banana mash, it looks a lot like mashed potatoes and it tricked us all on that first day, chapatis is an unleavened flatbread and it was one of the highlights of the whole trip, sitting down at the end of a long, hot day and seeing a plate of chapatis was enough to bring us to tears.

The second market was much calmer, the owners of the markets didn’t grab you to get your attention but they did walk out and say things like “Come in friend, I have what you are looking for”. We all did most of our shopping in this second market. I was looking forward to haggling at the markets but I think what actually happened was a lot more fun looking back on it.

We left Fields of Life on the second day and made our way to GSF (Good Shepherds Fold), which is the orphanage just outside Jinja. Before going to GSF we stopped in Jinja, which is a small town, for food and for some more shopping. Kate Orr and I had chicken nuggets and chips with Mr. Micallef as he told us about his adventures all over Africa. We left Jinja after a short stop and made our way to GSF, where we were welcomed by around 20 kids and all of the missionaries. I didn’t realize until then how much this visit means to them, we were brought to the guest house which is where we stayed for the next four nights.

Over our few days in GSF we went swimming in King Fisher which is a resort, we went to the local church and it was so cool seeing the difference between church in Ireland and church in a country such as Uganda. They sing for the first 30-40 minutes of the service and the whole thing feels so natural and unplanned but not in a messy or unorganized way it just feels so much easier for them than it does for people here. We had a football match against the kids in GSF and for the first time in four years Andrews won. We spent an afternoon dancing, we didn’t know what to do because although we prepared songs we didn’t prepare any dances so we just copied what they did. GSF was my favourite part of our stay in Uganda, the kids were all so happy which was very different to what I expected, I thought the orphanage would be a sad place because of all the kids and what had happened to them.

We left for Kisiizi at 6 in the morning, so we all saw the sunrise on our way. The setup in Kisiizi hospital was vastly different to GSF, it was so busy in Kisiizi compared to the serene quiet GSF. We got a tour around the whole campus, we saw all the wards and what we all said about the hospital is that even though it is the most advanced hospital in the whole country it is so rudimentary. It is small and only has a few wards and each of those wards are full, but despite this and despite all the illness the people we visited there always had smiles on their faces which is a really uplifting thing for me anyway.

We had a second football match against Rubiirizii secondary school which is the school that Andrews has helped over the years. My favourite part about our time in Kisiizi was when we went to class in the school, usually I don't particularly enjoy school but I enjoyed seeing how they teach and what they learn about in Uganda, I was in a geography class and the kids had no textbook but they had what looked like hundreds of pages in copies written down.

On our second last day in Kisiizi we went on a 7 hour hike that went up to a "nearby" lake said Mr. Micallef, we all went on it except for four people who happened to be sick at the time, halfway through the walk we got to the lake and had a nice cold swim, we stayed for only a short time and immediately dreaded the thought of walking back up and down the hills. For the rest of that day we sat in the guest house and played cards.

Our final few days in Uganda were spent on Bushara Island. We had a short bus journey from Kisiizi to our destination and from there we rowed over to the island. It was difficult especially in the scorching heat but it made the swim that afternoon even better. For the next two days we just chilled at the waterfront and read, it was a well needed relaxation after the two weeks of nonstop activities.

I have not included everything we did in the whole trip because if I did I would have written over six pages so I wrote about my favourite parts of the whole trip. It was the best and most eye opening two weeks of my entire life and I hope that you enjoyed reading about it as much as I enjoyed doing it.



SACA Notes

Petition for Berkeley - Sinead Miller

Just over a year ago former pupil Lorcán Miller and 5 of his friends lost their lives in the Berkeley balcony collapse tragedy. Our Alumni Committee have been asked to publicise this petition which is aimed at bringing about legal changes to make sure this terrible tragedy is not repeated. Lorcán's mum, Sinead Miller, would appreciate as many of our alumni signing this as possible.



https://www.change.org/p/california-state-house-support-sb-465-to-prevent-balcony-collapses-like-the-one-that-killed-my-daughter-in-2015?recruiter=584498954&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=whatsapp

David Rodgers (Class of 1983)

David Rodgers (Class of 1983) died suddenly on the 1 August the day after his 51st birthday. Dave was a prefect in the College, was a fairly handy prop on the Junior and Senior Cup rugby teams and played for the school cricket team. Dave continued his love of sports when he left school, playing for YMCA cricket Club for over 30 years and following Ireland and Leinster Rugby at home and abroad, often with his school friends. Dave's funeral was well attended by the Class of 83 and many good stories were shared inside and outside the church of a friend who enjoyed life to the full.

Our thoughts and sympathies go out to his parents Gwen and Terry, his wife Ning , his brother Allen (Class of 1984), his sister in law Karen (who works in the College), his nieces Katie and Jessica (currently in the College) and his many friends.



Dates for the Diary

St. Andrew's College Alumni Golf Outing 2016

SACA invites you to take part in the 2016 SACA
Golf Outing!

All Past Pupils (and all standard of golfers) are welcome.

Date: Friday September 23rd
Venue: Edmondstown Golf Club
(tee times from 1:50pm)
(meals and prizes at 7:30pm sharp)

There are two competitions this year:

Singles stableford (playing in threes)
Cost: Golf and Dinner - €55 or Golf Only - €25
or

“Fun” 9 Hole Scramble (playing in threes)
Cost: Golf and Dinner - €45 or Golf Only - €25

Special Rate for post 2006 leavers
Golf: subsidised rate of €20 (singles) or €10 (scramble) for first 10 people to
book and stay for dinner (additional €20)

Please contact Sally Walker (swalker@st-andrews.ie) to book a tee time as
places are limited.

(Please advise when booking whether you are staying for dinner)

For details of any other events please go to www.sac.ie